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In re Patent Application of

Rovil P. Arcia, et al.

Application No.: 09/988,541

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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR

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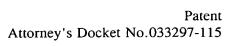
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in prior Serial No. 09/375,901, filed September 14, 1999, upon which the present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not included.

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To assist the Examiner, the listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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